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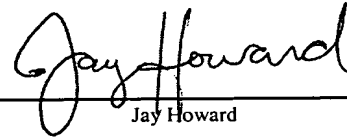
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In re Application of: Franklin Dean Kalk  
Serial No.: 10/044,732  
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Group Art Unit: 1756  
Examiner: ALTERNATING APERTURE PHASE  
SHIFTING PHOTOMASK WITH IMPROVED  
INTENSITY BALANCING

Title:

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2003, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments set forth below and requests favorable action thereon.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.